

EXPRESS MAIL NO. EV 327 172 492 US

DATE OF DEPOSIT Oct. 17, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Sumihito Morita et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Thin Film Magnetic Head Having Partial)
Insulating Layer Formed on Bottom Pole)
Layer Through Gap Layer and Method of)
Manufacturing the Same)

Our File No. 9281-4709
Client No. N US03516

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend
the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.